

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A seat back of automotive seat comprising:

a lower seat back portion including a foam padding provided therein, said lower seat back portion having a forward surface facing to a side forwardly of said automotive seat and a backward side facing to a side backwardly of the automotive seat;

an upper seat back portion firmly connected with an upper area of said lower seat back portion, wherein said upper seat back portion includes a foam padding provided therein and has a forward surface facing to a side forwardly of said automotive seat and a backward side facing to a side backwardly of the automotive seat;

said foam padding of said upper seat back portion being greater in hardness than said foam padding of said lower seat back portion; and

a vent means allowing air to flow at said lower and upper seat back portions, said vent means comprising:

a first vent hole means defined in said lower seat
back-~~portions~~ portion

, said first vent hole means comprising a first
through-hole formed through said lower seat back portion so as
to open in both said forward and backward surfaces of said
lower seat back portion; and

a second vent hole means defined between said upper
and lower seat back portions, said second vent hole means
comprising a second through-hole formed through and between
said upper and lower seat back portions so as to open in both
said forward and backward surfaces of said upper and lower
seat back portions.

16. (Previously Presented) The back seat according
to claim 15, wherein said lower seat back portion is so formed
to have: a top portion; a main back support region defined
centrally thereof; and a pair of side bolster support regions
defined on opposite sides of said main back support region,
wherein said upper seat back portion is formed in a generally
"inverted U" shape comprising: a headrest region defined in
the upper area thereof; a pair of shoulder support regions
defined in the lower area thereof; and a lower end portion,
such that a pair of said shoulder support regions are defined
continuously from said headrest region so as to extend

downwardly therefrom, wherein said pair of side bolster support regions each have an outer lateral surface, wherein each of said pair of side shoulder support regions is fixedly and integrally attached to said outer lateral surface of each of said pair of side bolster support regions, and said second through-hole is defined between said top portion of said lower seat back portion and said lower end portion of said lower seat back portion.

17. (Previously Presented) The back seat according to claim 15, wherein said vent means further comprises a netted element provided on said forward surface of said lower seat back portion.

18. (Previously Presented) The seat back according to claim 17, wherein said netted element overlies said second hole means.

19. (Currently Amended) A seat back of automotive seat, comprising:

a lower seat back portion including foam padding provided therein, said lower seat back portion having a forward surface facing to a side forwardly of said automotive seat and a backward side facing to a side backwardly of the automotive seat;

an upper seat back portion firmly connected with an upper area of said lower seat back portion, wherein said upper seat back portion includes a foam padding provided therein and has a forward surface facing to a side forwardly of said automotive seat and a backward side facing to a side backwardly of the automotive seat;

said foam padding of said upper seat back portion being greater in hardness than said foam padding of said lower seat back portion; [[and]]

a vent means allowing air to flow at said lower and upper seat back portions, said vent means comprising a recessed portion defined in said forward surface of said lower seat back portion; and

wherein said netted element is of a three-dimensional net structure.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The seat back as claimed in claim 15, wherein said upper seat back portion is fixedly connected with said lower seat back portion by a connecting means, and wherein said connecting means is disposed within both said upper and lower seat back portions.

22. (Previously Presented) A seat back of automotive seat comprising:

a lower seat back portion including a foam padding provided therein, said lower seat back portion having a forward surface facing to a side forwardly of said automotive seat and a backward side facing to a side backwardly of the automotive seat;

an upper seat back portion firmly connected with an upper area of said lower seat back portion, wherein said upper seat back portion includes a foam padding provided therein and has a forward surface facing to a side forwardly of said automotive seat and a backward side facing to a side backwardly of the automotive seat;

said foam padding of said upper seat back portion being greater in hardness than said foam padding of said lower seat back portion;

a connecting means for fixedly connecting said lower and upper seat back portions, said connecting means including: a securing frame means provided in each of said lower and upper seat back portions; and securing bolts and nuts, wherein said securing bolts and nuts are securely connected with said securing frame means, thereby fixedly connecting said lower and upper seat back portions;

a vent means allowing air to flow at said lower and upper seat back portions, said vent means comprising: a first vent hole means defined in said lower seat back portion; and a second vent hole means defined between said upper and lower seat back portions; and

a slit formed in said foam padding of said lower seat back portion, said slit extending between said securing frame means and said second vent hole means to allow said securing bolts and nuts to be inserted through said slit in a direction from said second vent hole means to said securing frame means.